

UNFIT BEEF SALE CHARGE REFUTED

Federal Trade Commission Records Show Wilson & Co. Were Exonerated After Long Probe

BOUGHT FOR SERVICE MEN

Federal trade commission records refute charges that Wilson & Co., Chicago packers, sold unfit beef to the government for consumption by service men.

Not only was the packing firm exonerated but a letter which led recently to a revival of the charge was branded as mere hearsay and was not admitted to the commission's records.

Although the incidents involved occurred early last year, public attention was focused on the matter recently through publication of a letter written by T. G. Lee, district superintendent here for Armour & Co., to his superiors in Chicago.

In that letter, dated February 25, 1918, Mr. Lee spoke of "bad condition beef" held by his company in this city, part of which was bought by Wilson & Co. and shipped to New York for freezing.

The district superintendent concluded his letter with this comment: "I certainly do not think beef in the condition they are buying ought to be exported or offered to our armies."

Absolved of Charge

From that letter arose a charge against Wilson & Co. that the firm had offered meat "unfit for human consumption" to the Pelham Bay Naval Training Station and to the steamships Ceramic and Siamland.

After exhaustive hearings by the federal trade commission, Wilson & Co. was absolved of the charge that the beef was unfit for consumption. Discussing the beef sold the naval training station, the commission's findings, announced October 11, 1918, are:

"This meat, in part, was purchased from Armour & Co.'s branch house at Philadelphia. It appears that out of 6811 pounds offered to the Pelham Bay station on April 29, 1918, 5506 pounds were accepted and 805 pounds were rejected.

"The evidence shows that the rejected meat thus offered for sale to the navy did not fulfill the navy's specifications, but it is not conclusively shown that it was actually unfit for human consumption. On the showing the commission finds for the respondent."

At a hearing before the federal trade commission, June 18, 1918, Mr. Lee was questioned by counsel for Wilson & Co., as to what he meant in his reference to "bad condition beef."

His witness was positive in his declaration he did not mean beef unfit for human consumption.

At a later hearing Mr. Lee declared his belief that the beef bought by Wilson & Co., was good enough to be sold to anybody but the army or navy. His reason for making exceptions of the army and navy, he said, was that the government called for freshly frozen beef for the service men.

Termed "Choice Beef" Mr. Lee further testified that meat in that condition would be termed "choice beef" for the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, but that it could not be sold to the navy because of the navy specifications.

Freshly frozen beef, he explained, is meat taken from the killing room into the refrigerator room and frozen solid, whereas the meat in question was slaughtered in Sioux City, placed in refrigerator cars with a temperature of 32 to 45 degrees, transported to Philadelphia and from there to New York, before freezing solid.

Numerous witnesses, including a navy commissary steward, testified the rejected beef was fit for human consumption. Reasons given for the rejection of the five quarters of beef were that they were moist and not properly covered.

Deaths of a Day

W. H. FRANCIS DEAD AT 80

Had Been Police Lieutenant Here for Thirty-five Years

William H. Francis, who was the oldest police lieutenant in point of service who had ever served on the police force of Philadelphia at his retirement eight years ago, died yesterday at his home, 837 North Twenty-fourth street. He was eighty years old.

Appointed to the police force under Mayor Henry, in 1867, Mr. Francis served as a patrolman until 1878, when he was made a lieutenant and assigned to the Centennial Exhibition. So well did he perform his labors that he was given a medal by the Mayor for efficiency.

For thirty-five years Mr. Francis remained a lieutenant. Part of the time he was assigned to the harbor police, and the rest of the time was spent in the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets precinct. In 1911 Mr. Francis retired because of old age, and went on the pension. He went to live at the home of his son, Phillip, at the North Twenty-fourth street address, from which he will be buried on Thursday at 11 a. m. Interment will be made in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

Mr. Francis was many times commended by his superior officers for bravery and for the number of important arrests that he made.

John O. Batdorf

John O. Batdorf, widely known throughout the state as a manufacturer of medical preparations, died on Sunday morning at his home, 1211 West Cambria street, from a complication of diseases. Mr. Batdorf was born in Milton, Pa., and was fifty-six years of age. He is survived by a widow, three sons and two daughters.

JOSIAH QUINCY

Boston, Sept. 9.—Josiah Quincy, formerly mayor and for a time, in 1803, first assistant secretary of state, died at his home here yesterday. He was sixty years of age. Mr. Quincy was active for many years in the conduct of national and state Democratic campaigns, and since 1913 had been a member of the Boston Transit Commission.

N. J. VOTERS REGISTER

Both Parties Campaigning to Get Out Record Number of Electors The first registration of voters in all cities of more than 5000 population in New Jersey takes place today. A governor will be elected this year, the registration is expected to be heavy.

Both parties are appealing to the voters to register today. The Republicans are conducting an active campaign in Camden county, and every voter of that party has received a card appealing to him to register today. The registry boards will sit at 3 o'clock this afternoon and remain in session until 9 o'clock tonight.

The registry boards in Gloucester city organized last night. The Gloucester Republicans say that they will support Newton K. Bugbee for the Republican nomination for governor and give him a majority over the present acting governor, Runyon. It is expected that James Nugent will have a majority for the Democratic nomination.

MINISTER DEPLORES 'GAMBLING EPIDEMIC'

Pastor of Mariners' Church Says Shouts of Players Nearly Are Heard by Worshipers

Calls of crap shooters, gambling on a nearby doorstep, almost drown the voices of singers in the Mariners' Church, Front and De Lancey streets, each Sunday and make it difficult for the preacher to make himself heard, according to the Rev. Dr. Howard Preston McHenry, pastor.

"It seems to me no good to appeal to the police," he said today. "The gambling goes on right under their noses. Any day during the week you may walk through the district on Front, Water, Dock or De Lancey streets and see the men playing openly on doorsteps. It isn't merely child's play, either. It is gambling in earnest. I have seen yellow-back bills change hands. There seems to be no attempt on the part of the police to stop the players. In fact, the police are difficult to find."

"About four years ago, under a previous administration, we had a similar epidemic of crap-shooting in the neighborhood and we appealed to police headquarters. After persistent efforts on our part the police cleaned up the district, and we were free of the pest till the present administration. Now it is worse than ever, and no amount of 'appealing' seems to do any good. Sunday games are played next door to our church."

"I certainly do not think beef in the condition they are buying ought to be exported or offered to our armies."

AID FOR NAVY YARD

League Island Booked for Big Share of Fleet Repair Money

That Philadelphia will receive a substantial share of the request for \$18,000,000 for fleet repairs is anticipated by Congressman Vane. The request is now before the House appropriations committee. Out of the request of \$5,000,000 for yards and docks the Philadelphia Navy Yard should receive at least \$1,000,000, he said, and out of the request for \$6,500,000 for reconstruction the Philadelphia yard should receive at least \$1,000,000.

Rear Admiral Hughes, commander of the navy yard, told Congressman Vane that an additional \$1,000,000 could be used for the payment of labor at the navy yard here. That amount would be in addition to what has already been appropriated for the present fiscal year.

THOMAS B. BROWNE DIES

Philadelphia Broker and Prominent Clubman Hit Short Time

Thomas Beaver Browne, a bond broker and member of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, died last night in Bryn Mawr Hospital. Mr. Browne was in good health until last Saturday, when he suddenly became ill. He was taken to the hospital, where an operation was performed for appendicitis. A second operation was performed on Sunday.

Mr. Browne lived in Wynnewood. He was born in Philadelphia in 1874. His father was William Hardcastle Browne, a prominent lawyer and author of several books. The son was active socially. He was a member of the Racquet, University and other clubs here, and also member of a number of clubs in New York.

He was a trustee and treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church, Ardmore, and an officer and director of the Ardmore National Bank. He leaves a widow and three children.

THIEF INVADERS CITY HALL

Bicycle Stolen While Policemen and Guards Are Near

A thief stole a bicycle from City Hall. Policemen were twenty feet away. The bicycles belonged to Harry Bush, 2435 South Sixteenth street. He went inside to pay his taxes at the northeast corner of City Hall.

When Bush complained of the theft he was promised there would be an investigation. It is still going on.

PUSH FRANKFORD 'L' WORK

Effort is being made by the Department of City Transit to push the work on the Frankford "L," with a view to having the road in operation before the close of next year.

Proposals will be opened today for completing that portion of the superstructure on Front street for a distance of 171 linear feet, south from Arch street, where connection will be made with the Market street subway line.

TRAUBEL, DISCIPLE OF WHITMAN, DIES

Biographer of Noted Poet Was at Bon Echo, Ontario—Had Been Ill a Year

HAD BEEN POOR ALL LIFE

Horace Traubel, disciple and biographer of Walt Whitman and Bohemian "without fear and without reproach," is dead.

Word reached here today that Mr. Traubel, perhaps the most singular and interesting figure among Philadelphia and Camden's literary men, died yesterday at Bon Echo, Ontario, a colony of Whitman devotees. He was editor of the Conservator, a publication edited here, which is unlike any other in America. He was also one of Whitman's executors. The other was Thomas B. Harned.

Mr. Traubel had been ill for a year. He went to Canada toward the end of the summer in the hope of regaining strength. Heart trouble is said to have been the cause of death. He was sixty-two years old.

Poor All His Life

Mr. Traubel was poor almost all the days of his life. He had chosen a career of what he believed to be public service and, although he could have prospered in business had he desired, never turned from the path he had chosen, even when beset with heavy trials.

Virtually all of his life was spent in Camden, but he was known throughout the country. When a young man Mr. Traubel went to work in a bank. An attack upon an institution in which the bank was in some way interested, it is said, caused him to lose this position. After that he lived as best he could.

He was a young man when he first met Walt Whitman. The poet was about forty years older than Traubel and was an old man when they met—already "the good, gray poet." Traubel became an ardent admirer of Whitman. When paralysis confined the poet to his room, in the closing years of his life, Traubel went to see Whitman every morning.

He felt he was ministering to one of the world's immortals and made note of their conversations and preserved papers which the aged poet, in his disregard of trifles, was disposed to throw away.

Wrote Three Volumes

It was from these notes and papers that Traubel wrote his biography of the poet. "With Walt Whitman in Camden." Three volumes of this biography had been completed at the time of Traubel's death. He had expected to add to these. Admirers of Whitman find these three volumes a mine of interest.

When Whitman died Traubel became a leader among his disciples. He was a poet, too, and much of his poetry was in the Whitman style and the Whitman vein. Every month in the Conservator Traubel had a poem.

The Conservator, being solely an expression of Traubel's individuality in his crusade for a better world, was not a success and the editor was always troubled for money.

He was fortunate in having a generous and sympathetic printer, William Innes, who helped him through many troubled periods.

MOUNTED PATROLMAN HURT

Tries to Pull Team Out of Mud, Is Run Over

John Utley, thirty-one years old, of 502 Martin street, a mounted patrolman of the Roxborough station, was seriously injured when he tried to pull a team out of the mud. He is in the St. Timothy's Hospital, suffering a broken leg and possible fracture of the ribs.

The team was driven by John P. Nolan, of 64 Church lane, Germantown, and was stuck up to the hubs in the muddy road. When Utley dismounted and put his shoulder to the wheels the horses balked and threw him. The wheels of the wagon passed over his body.

Historic Band in Parade

Conspicuous among the many bands in today's Knights Templar parade was Doring's Band, of Troy, N. Y., which headed Apollo Commandery, of that city. Doring's has a history dating back to the days of the Civil War, when it was an army band. In the last half century it has had only two bandmasters, the late Charles Doring, and his son, George F. Doring, the present leader.

Ice Wagon Drivers Strike

Many residents of Chestnut Hill and Mt. Airy were without ice yesterday, hot as it was, and the scarcity continues today, owing to a strike of wagon drivers and helpers at station No. 10 of the American Ice Company, at Armat street and the Reading Railway. They want two helpers on a delivery wagon, instead of one, and help in loading the wagons.

Humorist Addresses Kiwanis Club

Douglas Malloch, of Chicago, former president of the American Press Humorists, widely known journalist and after-dinner speaker, will address the Kiwanis today.

He will speak at a luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford at which Thomas Shalleross, Jr., president of the club, will preside.

Engineers' Luncheon Today

Dr. H. M. Chance, a mining engineer, will be the speaker today at the weekly luncheon of the Engineers' Club, 1317 Spruce street. His topic is "Present Fuel Supply From an Engineering Standpoint."



HORACE TRAUBEL
Disciple of Walt Whitman and one of his executors. Mr. Traubel died in Ontario, Canada, yesterday.

TAXI INQUIRY HERE

Commission Will Investigate Rates and Service to Public

The most extensive inquiry into any service of Philadelphia outside of the railroads or trolley system will start here shortly when taxicab rates, contracts and service will be put on the grill.

A special commission of the State Public Service at Harrisburg will conduct the investigation. The inquiry was ordered following the oral report of Commissioners Samuel N. Clement, Jr., and James S. Benn.

The state investigation is aimed not only to show the relation between taxi companies and hotels, but will develop how riders know how much they are to be charged, what service is given and how it can be bettered.

Machines running without certificates will be brought under the law and taximeter and insurance requirements established for public protection, it is said. Accountants, examiners and investigators will be sent here.

LIEUT. CROMWELL RETURNS

Son of Mrs. Stotesbury Aboard Leviathan With Pershing

Lieutenant James H. R. Cromwell, son of Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, returned from overseas on the transport Leviathan, which brought back General Pershing and his staff. Lieutenant Cromwell, who is listed as a casual, is in the naval service.

Other Philadelphia members of "Pershing's Own," were aboard the transport.

Among the officers to the regiment who returned today were the following with Philadelphia addresses: Major Paul J. McDonnell, 108 South Thirty-eighth street, formerly a member of the Fifty-fourth Infantry and now on the headquarters staff outfit; Major John E. Corby, 5223 Columbia avenue, a medical officer, formerly attached to the Fourth Corps in that capacity, and Lieutenant Louis P. Tiers, 35 West Walnut lane.

Other officers returning as casuals were Captain De Lano Andrews, 1906 Land Title Building, Philadelphia; Captain Albert Cassidy, 215 Walnut lane, and Lieutenant James Cromwell, 1925 Walnut street.

STEEPLEJACK ENTERTAINS

Thousands Watch Man Do "Stunts" on Top of City Hall

Thousands of persons were entertained for several minutes today by a thrilling exhibition by "steplejack" Hassler on top of City Hall.

The steplejack, who is engaged in repairing the statue of William Penn, began his unannounced aerial acrobatic exhibition at 10:30 o'clock.

Swinging from a long rope, which had been fastened about the statue, he did several stunts, in one of which he hung downward. Several times he swung around the base of the statue.

During the exhibition a large American flag waved from a pole on the top of William Penn's hat.

HAY KELLYS LOSING FAVOR

Dumpcart Loaded With "Straws" Is Sign That Day Is Waning

The day of the straw hat is waning. An ash cart rolled formally along Moyamensing avenue today toward the "dumps" in the lower part of the city. And pedestrians were moved to marvel at its strange burden.

Piled high in the cart and blazing in the sun were hay kellys—near panama, stiff hats, soft straws, waving in straight brims.

They had been gathered from the streets and from the ash boxes during the morning's rounds and were headed for the dumps whence many a straw lid returned.

Wife Missing Three Months

Tony Campozzi has requested the police to institute a search for his wife, Lucy, who disappeared from his home, rear of 802 South Sixth street, nearly three months ago. She is thirty-three years old. With the disappearance of his wife, Campozzi said, he missed \$500, a watch and two chains.

Patterson to Address Sir Knights

The women's committee of the committee of one thousand, supporting Judge Patterson's candidacy, will be hostess to visiting Knights Templar and their ladies next Saturday afternoon in the Adelphi Hotel. The reception will be held at 3 o'clock. Judge Patterson will make an address.

POLICE STATION SALE OF U. S. FOOD SUCCESS

Supply of Canned Goods Offered at Cut Prices Sells Out Quickly

The police station at Twentieth and Federal streets became a public market today in the fight to cut down high prices. The assembly room at the station was used in the sale of surplus army food by the government. Long before the hour set for the sale a crowd of women gathered with baskets. A few men were also in the crowd.

It did not take long to dispose of the food on hand, which amounted to about a car and a half of canned goods—tomatoes, beans, corn, peaches, soups, fish and sirup.

Policemen helped in arranging the improvised grocery store and in the sale.

Articles sold and prices were: Nutmeg, quarter-pound can, twelve cents; three cans to purchaser. Prepared mustard, half-pound jar, fifteen cents; three jars to purchaser.

Vanilla flavoring, two-ounce bottle, twelve cents; three bottles to customer. Corned beef, No. 2 can, fifty-five cents; three cans to purchaser. Soup, eight cents per can; three cans to purchaser.

Sirup, eight and one-fourth pounds can, forty-two cents; one can to purchaser. Baked beans, No. 1 can, four cents; twelve cans to purchaser. No. 3 cans, nine cents; six cans to purchaser.

Evaporated prunes, apples and peaches, ten-pound bags; prunes, fifteen cents a pound; apples and peaches, twelve cents a pound; one ten-pound bag of each to purchaser.

LAND ARMY TO MEET

Work Begun as War Necessity Will Continue, Says Director

Directors of the Pennsylvania division of the woman's land army will have an executive meeting at Atlantic army headquarters, 1516 Chestnut street, today, to plan the fall and winter work.

"We have not had so many units working this summer as we did last," said Mrs. Charles D. Clark, one of the directors. "But there has been a big demand on the part of the farmers for women workers and the units that have not been formed most satisfactorily. Though the war is over, the double gain of help given the farmers at their busy season, and the open air life with salary offered to women, have made the land army a lasting organization. Formed primarily as a war necessity, the directors feel that it must be continued."

KENSINGTON DOCTOR DEAD

Body of Joseph V. Antill Found in Bed by His Son

Dr. Joseph V. Antill, Fifth and Dauphin streets, for forty years a practicing physician in that neighborhood, was found dead in bed early today by his son, George, upon his return home from a week-end visit to the seashore.

Dr. Charles P. Mercer, 254 North Eighth street, whom the son summoned when he found his father dead, believes death to have been due to natural causes.

Doctor Antill was more than sixty years old and while apparently in health, received a call on all outside practice, attending to the needs of patients who called upon him either at his house or at the pharmacy which his son conducts.

COAST GUARD IN HOT PLACE

Transferred From Navy to Treasury Department Under Glass

A friend of Captain E. S. Van Boskerck, U. S. C. G., captain of the South, walked into his office at 245 South Second street today.

"I see," he said, "that the President has taken the coast guard from the navy and returned it to the Treasury Department, of which Secretary Glass is the head."

"That is true," said Captain Van Boskerck. "Then, are you sprouting or growing?" "I don't understand what you mean," said the captain. "Well, I see that you are under Glass."

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BALDENSPERGER APPOINTED

Major, Former Philadelphian, Officer of People's Association

The executive committee of the People's Association of Pennsylvania has announced the appointment of Major H. L. Baldensperger as executive secretary of the association. The new secretary is an ex-Philadelphian, having been an undergraduate and graduate student of the University of Pennsylvania and an instructor in social economics at that institution.

Major Baldensperger organized and served as executive officer of the salvage corps of the United States army, as well as a member of the war industries board in the formulation of a national program for waste conservation.

With the appointment of Major Baldensperger the People's Association of Pennsylvania has completed the preliminary work of organization. The association plans to have the state thoroughly organized within the next few months for the study of the problems of government.

SHE SCRATCHED HER ANKLE!

Knights' 'Fayre Ladye' Finds Wax Work Is Real

"What a beautiful wax work! How natural!" And a visiting sir knight's "Fayre Ladye" stopped suddenly before a shop window of a furniture store. In the window were the complete furnishings of an up-to-date study.

And in the nicely grouped chairs sat a man and four women gazing intently toward the street where the knights were passing by to the heat of martial music.

But at the instant of the woman's exclamation of delight, one of the female "figures" in the window reached down and scratched her ankle, her eyes still fixed on the passing knights.

"Why, they're people!" gasped the "Fayre Ladye," and, blushing, hurried on.

DIAMONDS LOST ON BEACH

Philadelphia Woman's \$176 Cash Also Vanishes With Bag

Mrs. L. E. Myers, 921 Northeast boulevard, a summer cottager at Atlantic City, found a sand bank a poor depository for her jewels. Afraid to leave them at home, she carried three diamond rings and other jewelry valued at \$1500, together with \$176 in cash, to the beach with her in a purse in a paper shopping bag.

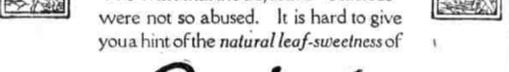
For a few minutes she obligingly posed for a friend with a camera, leaving the bag with her jewels beside her on the sand. When she reached down to pick it up the bag and valuables were gone. There were hundreds of bathers in the vicinity, but none was able to throw any light upon the theft.

To Address P. R. R. Women's Club

Elisha Lee, federal manager of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, eastern lines, will tonight address the Women's Club of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at the West Philadelphia Y. M. C. A. Discussions led by other officials will follow on the geography of the company, how the various divisions and grand divisions are organized for efficient operation, how to render the best service to passengers and shippers, the economical use of materials, and particularly of fuel supplies and other subjects which daily confront the railroad's women employees.

\$500,000 Grain Loss in Fire

Pittsburgh, Sept. 9.—Fire that began here yesterday in the engine room of the Central Elevator Company, wholesale grain dealers, caused a loss of 300,000 bushels of grain, valued at \$500,000. The blaze spread to the Mackintosh-Hempill Company's engine buildings nearby. Both buildings were a total loss.



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